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SUBJECT: NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

(PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY)

1. YOUR LETTER TO NOBEL COMMITTEE TO BE RELEASED

SIMULTANEOUSLY WASHINGTON AND OSLO(12:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 6
NOON BRIEFING).

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES SPOKESMAN WILL DRAW

ON FOLLOWING: SECRETARY HAS BEEN UNDER EXTREMELY HEAVY
PRESSURE AND BELIEVES THAT HE SHOULD NOT TAKE TIME FROM HIS
DUTIES AT THIS DIFFICULT JUNCTURE IN WORLD AFFAIRS, EVEN
FOR SO UNQUESTIONABLY PRESTIGIOUS A CEREMONY AS THAT OF THE
NOBEL PRIZE AWARD. HE LOOKS FORWARD, HOWEVER, TO A VISIT
TO OSLO ON A MORE SUITABLE DATE TO DELIVER THE LECTURE

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CUSTOMARILY GIVEN BY WINNERS OF THE PEACE PRIZE. SHOULD THE

QUESTION BE RAISED WHETHER LE DUC THO'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE PRIZE HAD A BEARING ON THIS DECISION, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT WE CANNOT SPECULATE ON THO'S MOTIVES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE INDICATE ANY NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION OR ADVICE IN THE MATTER. IF ASKED IF SECRETARY IS REFRAINING FROM ATTENDING OSLO CEREMONY TO ATTEND NATO MEETING, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT HE WILL ATTEND NATO MEETING BUT FACT THAT NATO MINISTERIAL AND OSLO CEREMONY DATES COINCIDE WAS NOT FACTOR IN HIS DECISION TO POSTPONE OSLO VISIT AT THIS TIME. RATHER IT WAS TOTAL PRESS OF BUSINESS THAT LED TO DECISION.

TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR.. LIONAES:

I AM DEEPLY MOVED BY THE AWARD OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, WHICH I REGARD AS THE HIGHEST HONOR ONE COULD HOPE TO ACHIEVE TO THE PURSUIT OF PEACE ON THIS EARTH. WHEN I CONSIDER THE LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SO HONORED BEFORE ME, I CAN ONLY ACCEPT THIS AWARD WITH HUMILITY.

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND INDEED OF THE WHOLE WORLD, SHARE THE HOPE EXPRESSED BY THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE COMMITTEE "THAT ALL PARTIES TO THIS CONFLICT WILL FEEL MORALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING THE CEASEFIRE IN VIETNAM INTO A LASTING PEACE FOR THE SUFFERING PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA." CERTAINLY MY GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ITS POLICIES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO TURN THIS HOPE INTO REALITY.

I GREATLY REGRET THAT BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF BUSINESS IN A WORLD BESET BY RECURRENT CRISIS I SHALL BE UNABLE TO COME TO OSLO ON DECMEBER 10 FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY. I HAVE ACCORDINGLY DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR BYRNE TO REPRESENT ME ON THAT OCCASION. HOWEVER, I WOULD HOPE AND CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE, SHOULD YOU SO WISH, TO VISIT OSLO AT A FUTURE APPROPRIATE DATE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELIVER THE LECTURE WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS CUSTOMARILY GIVEN BY LAUREATES OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

NOON BRIEFING).

MRS. AASE LIONAES,
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE COMMITTEE,
OSLO. RUSH

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